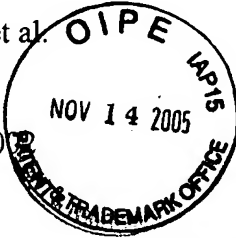


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This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the above-identified application.

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Applicants hereby submit and request consideration of the Amendment filed herewith.

Also enclosed is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, thus extending the period for response to November 14, 2005.

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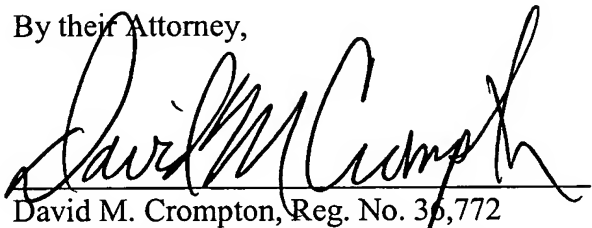
Respectfully submitted,

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